

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON  
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN  
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**

**TO: The Town Sergeant, or either of the Constables, of the Town of Charlestown, County of Washington and State of Rhode Island,  
GREETINGS:**

**You are hereby required in the name of said State to warn and notify all of the qualified electors of the Town of Charlestown, that they are required to assemble in Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 2, 2004 at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the following places:**

**Voting District 1 – Charlestown Richmond Fire Station, 1645 Shannock Rd.**

**Voting District 2 – Charlestown Town Hall Council Chambers, 4540 South County Tr.**

**Voting District 3 – Charlestown Ambulance Barn, 4891 Old Post Road**

**Voting District 4 – St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 15 East Beach Road**

**Voting District 5 – Charlestown Richmond Fire Station, 1645 Shannock Road**

**Voting District 6 – Quonochontaug Grange, 5662 Post Road**

**Voting District 7 – Charlestown Elementary School, 363 Carolina Back Road**

**for the purpose of giving in their votes for the following named officers:**

**Electors for President and Vice President; One (1) Representative to represent the Second Congressional District in the National House of Representatives for a two (2) year term; (1) Senator to represent the 34th Senatorial District in the General Assembly for a two (2) year term; (1) Senator to represent the 38th Senatorial District in the General Assembly for a two (2) year term; (1) Representative to represent the 36th Representative District in the General Assembly for a two (2) year term; One (1) Representative to represent the 39th Representative District in the General Assembly for a two year term; One (1) Town Moderator for a two (2) year term; Five (5) Town Council persons for two (2) year terms; One (1) member to the Chariho School Committee for a four (4) year term; Five (5) Charlestown School Committee members, Three (3) for the term of four years, Two (2) for a term of two years; One (1) District Moderator and One (1) District Clerk for each Representative District 36, Voting Districts 1,2, 3, and 4 for a two (2) year term; One (1) District Moderator and One (1) District Clerk for each Representative District 39, Voting Districts 5, 6, and 7 for a two (2) year term; and Three (3) Planning Commission members,**

**One (1) for the term of six (6) years, Two (2) Alternates for the term of two (2) years.**

**AND to vote for or against the following STATE REFERENDA questions:**

**1. AMENDMENTS TO THE  
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE  
(SEPARATION OF POWERS)  
(Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution)**

**The approval of the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the state are intended to have the collective effect of ensuring the separation of governmental power among the three branches of state government: the legislative branch, the executive branch and the judicial branch:**

**a. Article III, Section 6 of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:**

**Section 6. Holding of offices under other governments. – Senators and representatives not to hold other appointed offices under state government. -- No person holding any office under the government of the United States, or of any other state or country, shall act as a general officer or as a member of the general assembly, unless at the time of taking such engagement that person shall have resigned the office under such government; and if any general officer,**

**senator, representative, or judge shall, after election and engagement, accept any appointment under any other government, the office under this shall be immediately vacated; but this restriction shall not apply to any person appointed to take deposition or acknowledgement of deeds, or other legal instruments, by the authority of any other state or country.**

**No senator or representative shall, during the time for which he or she was elected, be appointed to any state office, board, commission or other state or quasi-public entity exercising executive power under the laws of this state, and no person holding any executive office or serving as a member of any board, commission or other state or quasi-public entity exercising executive power under the laws of this state shall be a member of the senate or the house of representatives during his or her continuance in such office.**

**b. Article V of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:**

**The powers of the government shall be distributed into three (3) separate and distinct departments: the legislative, the executive and the judicial.**

**c. Article VI, Section 10 of the Constitution shall be deleted in its entirety.**

**d. Article IX, Section 5 of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:**

**Section 5. Powers of appointment. – The governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint all officers of the state whose appointment is not herein otherwise provided for and all members of any board, commission or other state or quasi-public entity which exercises executive power under the laws of this state; but the general assembly may by law vest the appointment of such inferior officers, as they deem proper, in the governor, or within their respective departments in the other general officers, the judiciary or in the heads of departments.**

## **2. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

**(Section 2 of Article XIV of the Constitution)**

**Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution?**

## **3. TRANSPORTATION BONDS**

**\$66,520,000**

**(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$66,520,000 to match federal funds, provide direct funding for improvements to the state's highways, roads and bridges; replace or repair transportation maintenance facilities, and purchase buses for the Rhode Island Public Transit**

**Authority's bus fleet.**

**4. REGIONAL CAREER AND  
TECHNICAL SCHOOLS BONDS**

**\$15,000,000**

**(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 to construct, renovate, and rehabilitate the state's regional career and technical schools.**

**5. HIGHER EDUCATION RESIDENCE HALLS BONDS**

**\$50,000,000**

**(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 to provide \$20,000,000 to construct, renovate and rehabilitate residence halls at the University of Rhode Island and \$30,000,000 to construct a new residence hall at Rhode Island College.**

**6. CRANSTON STREET ARMORY BONDS**

**\$12,300,000**

**(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$12,300,000 to restore the historic Cranston Street Armory facility for use as an archives and records center and make space available for either office or educational use.**

**7. EMERGENCY WATER INTERCONNECT BONDS**

**\$10,000,000**

**(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to provide \$5,000,000 for matching grants to local water suppliers to develop interconnections between and among water systems to be used in the event of an emergency and \$5,000,000 to complete the Shad Factory Pipeline to preserve Rhode Island water rights to two Massachusetts reservoirs.**

**8. OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, BAY AND  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BONDS**

**\$70,000,000**

**(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$70,000,000 to provide \$19,000,000 for anti-pollution projects and restoration activities benefiting Narragansett Bay and state watersheds, \$43,000,000 for open space, farmland preservation, and recreational development, and \$8,000,000 for acquisition of land for groundwater protection and supply.**

**9. PELL LIBRARY - UNDERSEA  
EXPLORATION CENTER BONDS  
\$14,000,000  
(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000 to renovate, rehabilitate and construct an addition to the Pell Marine Science Library at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography, Narragansett Bay Campus.**

**10. ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE CENTER/  
MEADE STADIUM BONDS**



**\$6,700,000**

**(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$6,700,000 to construct an Athletic Performance Center at the University of Rhode Island and renovate existing facilities at Meade Stadium and Keaney Gymnasium at the University of Rhode Island.**

## **11. HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE BONDS**

**\$3,000,000**

**(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 to fund capital preservation for renovation projects for public and nonprofit historic sites, museums and cultural art centers located in historic structures in the State of Rhode Island.**

## **12. REHABILITATION OF STATE OWNED FACILITIES BONDS**

**\$46,500,000**

**(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$46,500,000 to begin to purchase, build or modify state facilities for state agency use to reduce the state's reliance on leased space.**

**13. UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
CENTER FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY  
AND LIFE SCIENCES BONDS  
\$50,000,000  
(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 for the construction of the University of Rhode Island Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences.**

**14. QUONSET POINT/DAVISVILLE BONDS  
\$48,000,000  
(Chapter 595 - Public Laws 2004)**

**Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island**

**to issue general obligation bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$48,000,000 for road and utility infrastructure, building demolition, site preparation, and pier rehabilitation at the Quonset Point/Davisville Industrial Park.**

**AND to vote for or against the following LOCAL REFERENDA questions:**

**15. AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARIHO ACT**

**(Chapter 265 and 512 – Public Laws of 2004)**

**“Shall an act passed at the 2004 session of the General Assembly entitled “AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 55 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, 1958, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED “AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON, TO JOIN A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, INCORPORATING SAID REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR THE JOINT USE OF THE PARTICIPATING TOWNS, WITHIN SAID REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS AMENDED, AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO Sec. 10(1)(a) and (b) and Sec. 18(1) ” be approved?**

**This amendment will provide for withdrawal language for a member town.**

**16. FINANCE CAPITAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOWN'S  
WITHDRAWAL BONDS NOT TO EXCEED \$34,900,000  
(Chapter 287 and 509 – Public Laws of 2004)**

**“Shall an act passed at the 2004 session of the general assembly entitled “AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN TO FINANCE CAPITAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOWNS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR AND THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL COMPLEX AND THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO EXISTING SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$34,900,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES be approved?”**

**EXPLANATION:**

**Approval of this question will authorize the Town of Charlestown to finance the Town's withdrawal from the Chariho Regional School District effective July 1, 2005 by the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or notes in an amount not to exceed \$34,900,000, which will provide funds to establish, acquire land for, renovate, construct, equip, furnish and inventory a town-wide public school system for the education of the Town's elementary and secondary school-aged students, including claiming ownership of the equipment and contents of the Charlestown Elementary School. The Town**

**anticipates that its withdrawal from the Chariho Regional School District will create a first year operational budget obligation to the Town of approximately twelve million, eight hundred fifty seven thousand and seven hundred fifty five dollars (\$ 12,857,755).**

## **17. FINANCE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**BONDS NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000**

**(Chapter 266 and 510 – Public Laws of 2004)**

**“Shall an act passed at the 2004 session of the general assembly entitled “AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN TO FINANCE THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AN AUDITORIUM AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL IN THE TOWN BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES be approved?”**

### **EXPLANATION:**

**Approval of this question will authorize the Town of Charlestown to finance the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of an auditorium at the middle school/high school in the Town by the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. The Town intends to issue bonds and notes hereunder only if Question 2 is approved by the voters.**

**ALSO, to transact any business that shall come before said meeting.**

**THE POLLS AT SAID MEETING SHALL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 O\CLOCK IN THE FORENOON TO 9:00 O\CLOCK IN THE EVENING, STANDARD TIME.**

**Given under my hand this 22nd day of October, 2004.**

**Jodi P. LaCroix,CMC**

**Town Clerk**